

Funding IGA – Final

Issues:

1. Current funding formula based on the first half of the 20th century is not adequate for our 21st century transportation needs.
2. The true economic and societal value of Michigan's transportation system has not been enumerated to or understood by the public.
3. No system in place to provide a long-term solution for adequate funding to address increasing needs to sustain and improve all modes.

Goals:

1. Create bipartisan and citizen support for increased transportation funding. Gain broad public support for transportation funding changes to bolster support for legislative action.
2. Broaden the base of transportation funding that is indexed to the future to more equitably reflect the societal benefit. Seek alternate methods of funding to include new fuel technologies.
3. A dedicated source of funding to meet the growing demands of users of modes and automatically keeps pace with inflation.

Actions:

1. Increase diesel and gas taxes to more appropriate levels and identify additional sources of funding, including: regional funding, impact fees, tolls, payroll fees, local option taxes, and other user fees.
2. Look for best practices for restructuring transportation funding and allocation.
3. Education of the public and elected officials to understand the cost and complexities of constructing and maintaining the transportation system.